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Re: Protest of the March 23, 2017 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale, Wayne National Forest

Dear Director Mouritsen:

I hereby file this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") planned March 2017 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale and the programmatic Final Environmental Assessment for oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, Monroe, Noble, and Washington Counties, Ohio (DOI-BLM-Eastern States-0030-2016-0002-EA) ("EA"), pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 3120.1-3. I formally protest the inclusion of each of the 21 parcels, covering 1,186 acres in the Wayne National Forest's Marietta Unit in Monroe County, Ohio:

Parcel #: ES-001-03/2017 BLM Serial #: OHES 058226 ACQ  
Parcel #: ES-002-03/2017 BLM Serial #: OHES 058227 ACQ  
Parcel #: ES-003-03/2017 BLM Serial #: OHES 058228 ACQ  
Parcel #: ES-004-03/2017 BLM Serial #: OHES 058229 ACQ  
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Parcel #: ES-007-03/2017 BLM Serial #: OHES 058232 ACQ  
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Parcel #: ES-022-03/2017 BLM Serial #: OHES 058251 ACQ  
Parcel #: ES-023-03/2017 BLM Serial #: OHES 058252 ACQ  
Parcel #: ES-025-03/2017 BLM Serial #: OHES 058254 ACQ

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Parcel #: ES-028-03/2017 BLM Serial #: OHES 058257 ACQ

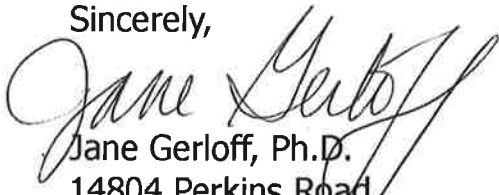
## PROTEST

This Protest is filed on behalf of Jane Gerloff, 14804 Perkins Road, Woodstock, IL 60098.

I am interested in this lease sale because as a Mid-Westerner, I feel it is especially important to have more federally protected land in the Mid-West — for recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, drinking water, etc.

I am also deeply concerned about the effects of fracking on our land — especially increased environmental effects such as earth stability. Affecting the structure of our Earth on such a dynamic scale is clearly not a smart idea if we consider the long-term consequences.

Sincerely,



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